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SUBJ: NOREUR OPERATIONS OF USS CALIFORNIA (CGN-36)

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1. LOW KEY APPROACH ABOUT POSSIBLE PORT VISIT OF USS CALIFORNIA TO ROTTERDAM EARLY OCTOBER HAS ELICITED REACTIONS INDICATING UNLIKELIHOOD THAT IN TIME AVAILABLE AFFIRMATIVE GON DECISION CAN BE OBTAINED. SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN APPROVAL FOR SUCH A VISIT, IN VIEW ISSUES INVOLVED, E.G. LIABILITY, HEALTH, SAFETY AND JURISDICTION.

2. INFORMAL TALKS WITH RNLN REVEAL THERE HAVE BEEN NO NPW VISITS FOR SOME TIME, THE LATEST BEING BY BRITISH SUB DREADNAUGHT UNDER A SPECIAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT. PRESENT "GROUND RULES", ACCORDING TO RNLN SOURCE, WOULD REQUIRE U.S. TO SIGN BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAIVING JURISDICTION IN EVENT OF INCIDENT.

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3. RNLN WILL PURSUE THE ISSUE WITH THE AIM OF WORKING

OUT GROUND RULES FOR NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIPS SIMILAR
TO THOSE APPLYING TO VISITS OF CONVENTIONALLY POWERED
WARSHIPS.
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